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AMENDMENT

This amendment is made in response to the Office Action dated January 27, 1998. Applicant requests a one-month extension of time and has enclosed the appropriate fee pursuant 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). Applicant believes the enclosed check will cover all fees due in conjunction with this amendment. If, however, any additional fees are due, please charge deposit account 09-0473 accordingly.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

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1. (Amended) A device for retaining a prosthesis within a body passage having a diameter, comprising a[n] substantially annular, resilient element, said element being movable between an undeformed state wherein said element has [with] an undeformed diameter greater than the diameter of said body passage, and a deformed state wherein said element is partially folded and has a diameter smaller than when in said undeformed state, said element being in said deformed state when retaining said prosthesis in said body passage.

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